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North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in September, down 0.3 of a percentage point from the August rate of 4.3. The national rate, seasonally adjusted, was 5.9 in September which was down 0.1 percent from August. From September 1986, the state and national unemployment rates were down 1.4 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The civilian labor force in North Carolina, after seasonal adjustments, climbed to 3,313,000 in September, a gain of 7,000 from the August estimate of 3,306,000. From September 1986 to September 1987, the state's civilian labor force grew by 106,000 for a percentage increase of 3.3.

After seasonal adjustments, the employment total reached 3,182,000 in September. An increase of 17,000 in the number of employed workers represented a percentage growth of 0.5 from the prior month's estimate of 3,165,000. From September 1986 to September 1987, employment was up by 148,000 for an increase of almost five percent. The unemployment total at 131,000 in September decreased by 10,000 from August and by 42,000 (-24.3 percent) from the September 1986 estimate of 173,000.

Total nonagricultural employment, seasonally adjusted, increased by 9,800 workers from August to September. Of this increase, the manufacturing employment estimate rose 4,700 (+0.6 percent) as nonmanufacturing employment grew by 5,100 workers (+0.3 percent). From September 1986 to September 1987, manufacturing saw a growth of 21,500 workers (+2.6 percent). For the same period, the number of workers in nonmanufacturing increased 73,100 (+3.8 percent). In manufacturing, the apparel industry added the most workers from August to September, +1,000; and from a year ago, the largest employment gain occurred in the textile industry, +9,600. Among the nonmanufacturing industries, the service and miscellaneous sector experienced an employment gain of 2,600 over the month. For the year, employment in the combined wholesale and retail trade industry increased 24,800 followed by a growth of 23,400 in service and miscellaneous.

Weeks claimed for unemployment insurance totaled 29,020 in September which was 2,355 lower than the prior month. Average weeks claimed dropped by 1,682 in manufacturing as tobacco claims fell by 709. In the nonmanufacturing division, claims were down by 378 in trade, and a decrease of 220 occurred in the service industry.

There was a total of 17,052 individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in September which was less than the number placed in August. Of the total, 7,610 persons were placed in manufacturing industries, and 2,829 were placed in the service industry. The largest number of placements by occupation was made in packaging and material handling (3,142). Over 2,000 placements each were made in benchwork occupations, 2,901; service, except domestic occupations, 2,349; and in agriculture, forestry, and fishery occupations, 2,316.

There were increases in the number of production workers in most industries from August to September with the largest additions in tobacco, (+2,000); apparel, (+1,100); and textiles, (+1,000). Over the year, most industries reported growth in the number of production workers. Textiles posted a gain of 8,400, while the number of production workers grew by 2,800 in the furniture industry. From August 1987, and from September 1986, the number of productions workers in manufacturing increased by 5,600 and 15,400, respectively.

Production workers in about half of the manufacturing industry divisions averaged less in weekly earnings in September than in August. Except in the tobacco industry, these same workers worked fewer hours per week. Average hourly earnings were up over the month except in nonelectrical machinery and tobacco. Production workers in all manufacturing industry groups had higher hourly earnings in September 1987 than in September 1986. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers, except those in wholesale trade and retail trade, earned more a week in September than in the prior month. All workers, however, gained over the year. Hourly earnings over the month were up except in wholesale trade, but average hourly earnings increased for all nonsupervisory workers from September 1986 to September 1987.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: April 1987 through September 1987					
	Sep. 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,773	4,822	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854
Civilian Labor Force	3,207	3,267	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313
Participation Rate 1/	67.2	67.8	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3
Employed	3,034	3,112	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6
Unemployed	173	155	139	149	151	141	131
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1987 through September 1987		
	Sep. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,773	4,843	4,848	4,854
Civilian Labor Force	3,196	3,389	3,351	3,303
Participation Rate 1/	67.0	70.0	69.1	68.0
Employed	3,038	3,229	3,211	3,187
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	66.7	66.2	65.7
Unemployed	158	160	140	116
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.7	4.2	3.5
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.5	1.4	1.2	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: April 1987 through September 1987					
	Sep. 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,997	182,344	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161
Civilian Labor Force	118,272	119,335	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4
Employed	109,987	111,835	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.8	61.3	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6
Unemployed	8,285	7,500	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1987 through September 1987		
	Sep. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,997	182,885	183,002	183,161
Civilian Labor Force	118,244	122,105	121,614	119,884
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	66.8	66.5	65.5
Employed	110,229	114,652	114,527	113,027
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	62.7	62.6	61.7
Unemployed	8,015	7,453	7,088	6,857
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.4	2.1	2.1	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1986--September 1987

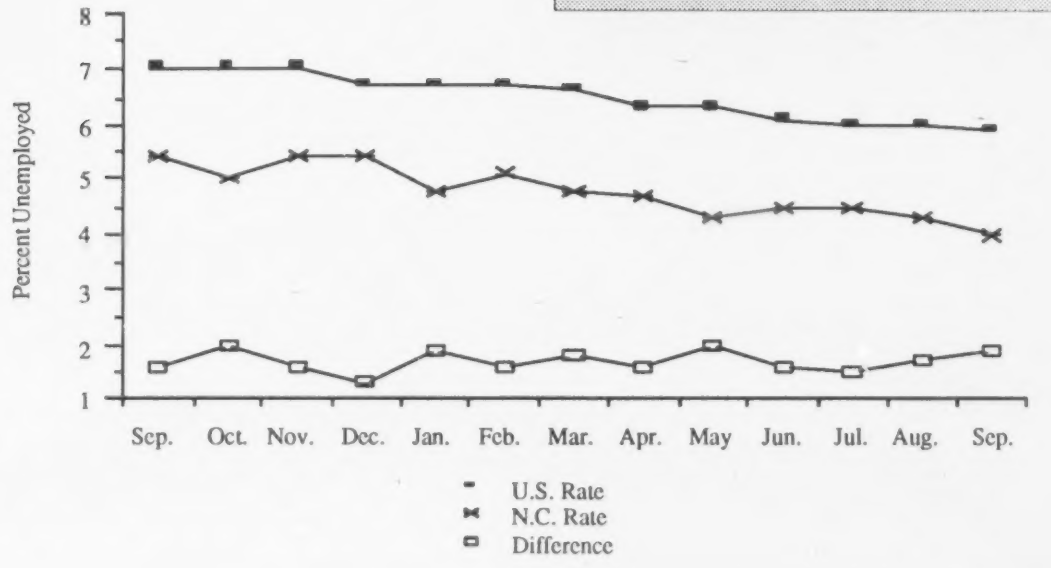

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

September 1986-September 1987

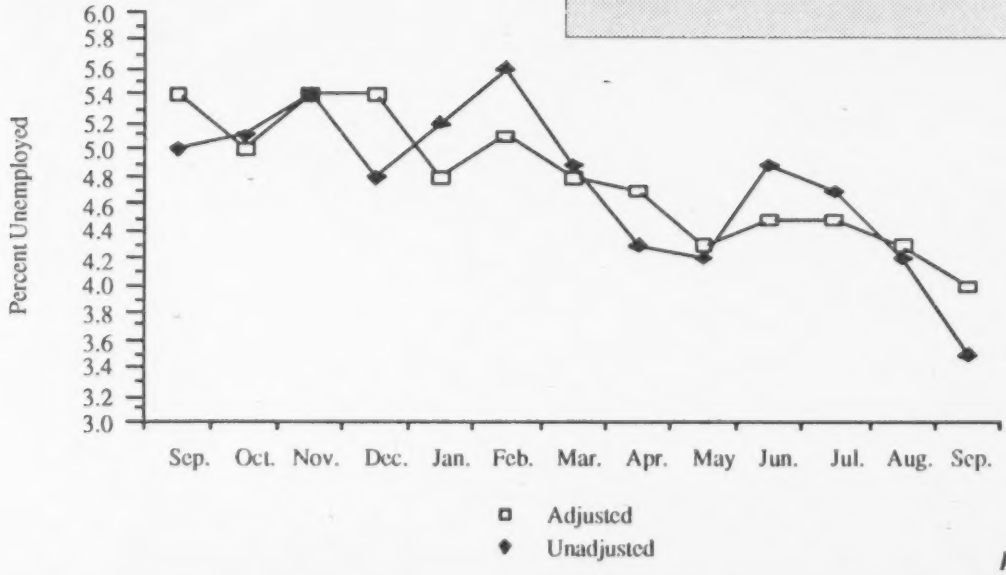

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Change From: August 1987 Net	August 1987 Percent	September 1986 Net	September 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,303.1	3,351.3	3,196.0	- 48.2	- 1.4	+ 107.1	+ 3.4
Unemployment, Total	116.4	139.9	158.2	- 23.5	- 16.8	- 41.8	- 26.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.5	4.2	5.0	- 0.7	-----	- 1.5	-----
Employment, Total	3,186.7	3,211.4	3,037.8	- 24.7	- 0.8	+ 148.9	+ 4.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,313.0	3,306.0	3,207.0	+ 7.0	+ 0.2	+ 106.0	+ 3.3
Unemployment, Total	131.0	141.0	173.0	- 10.0	- 7.1	- 42.0	- 24.3
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	4.3	5.4	- 0.3	-----	- 1.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,182.0	3,165.0	3,034.0	+ 17.0	+ 0.5	+ 148.0	+ 4.9
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,837.8	2,828.0	2,743.2	+ 9.8	+ 0.3	+ 94.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	854.9	850.2	833.4	+ 4.7	+ 0.6	+ 21.5	+ 2.6
Durable Goods	346.3	345.3	338.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.3	+ 8.3	+ 2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.0	37.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.4	- 1.1
Furniture & Fixtures	89.0	88.4	85.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.6	21.6	20.4	0.0	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 5.9
Primary Metals	11.4	11.4	11.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metals	27.0	27.1	26.4	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.7	57.3	56.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
Electrical Machinery	59.4	59.2	60.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8	- 1.3
Transportation Equipment	25.7	25.7	23.7	0.0	0.0	+ 2.0	+ 8.4
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.4	17.6	17.0	- 0.2	- 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

* Revised.
** Less than .05 percent.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Change From: August 1987 Net	August 1987 Percent	September 1986 Net	September 1986 Percent
Nondurable Goods	508.6	504.9	495.4	+ 3.7	+ 0.7	+ 13.2	+ 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	47.1	46.9	46.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	24.5	26.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 1.7	- 6.5
Textile Mill Products	220.6	219.7	211.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.4	+ 9.6	+ 4.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.3	90.3	89.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.1	+ 2.1	+ 2.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	21.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Printing & Publishing	28.3	28.1	27.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.2	37.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	0.0	0.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.1	31.4	30.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,982.9	1,977.8	1,909.8	+ 5.1	+ 0.3	+ 73.1	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.3	166.5	158.3	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 8.0	+ 5.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	135.1	134.8	133.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.5	+ 1.1
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.5	73.8	73.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.6	56.7	56.3	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	633.9	631.5	609.1	+ 2.4	+ 0.4	+ 24.8	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	144.3	143.9	140.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.7	+ 2.6
Retail Trade	489.6	487.6	468.5	+ 2.0	+ 0.4	+ 21.1	+ 4.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	128.6	127.8	120.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 8.2	+ 6.8
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	479.4	476.8	456.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.5	+ 23.4	+ 5.1
Total Government	434.7	435.6	427.6	- 0.9	- 0.2	+ 7.1	+ 1.7
Federal	52.3	52.2	51.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
State	126.4	126.2	123.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.6	+ 2.1
Local	256.0	257.2	251.9	- 1.2	- 0.5	+ 4.1	+ 1.6
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	253.6	257.6	239.8	- 4.0	- 1.6	+ 13.8	+ 5.8
Agriculture	66.0	92.9	70.9	- 26.9	- 29.0	- 4.9	- 6.9

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1987

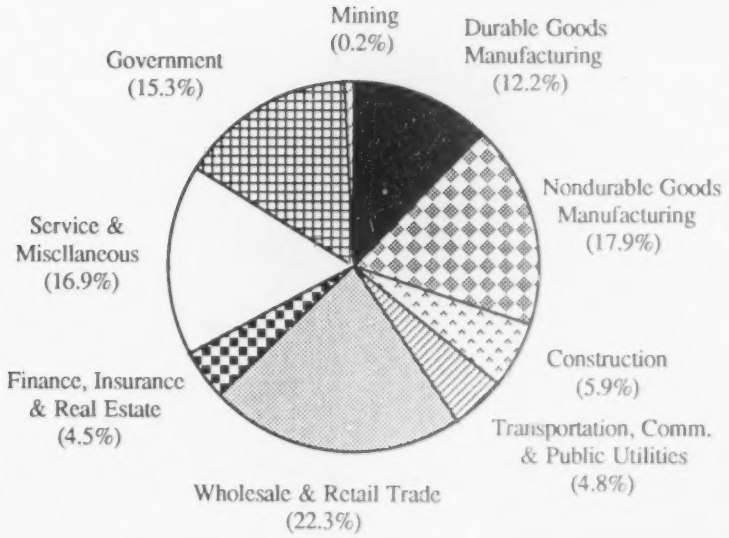

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1987

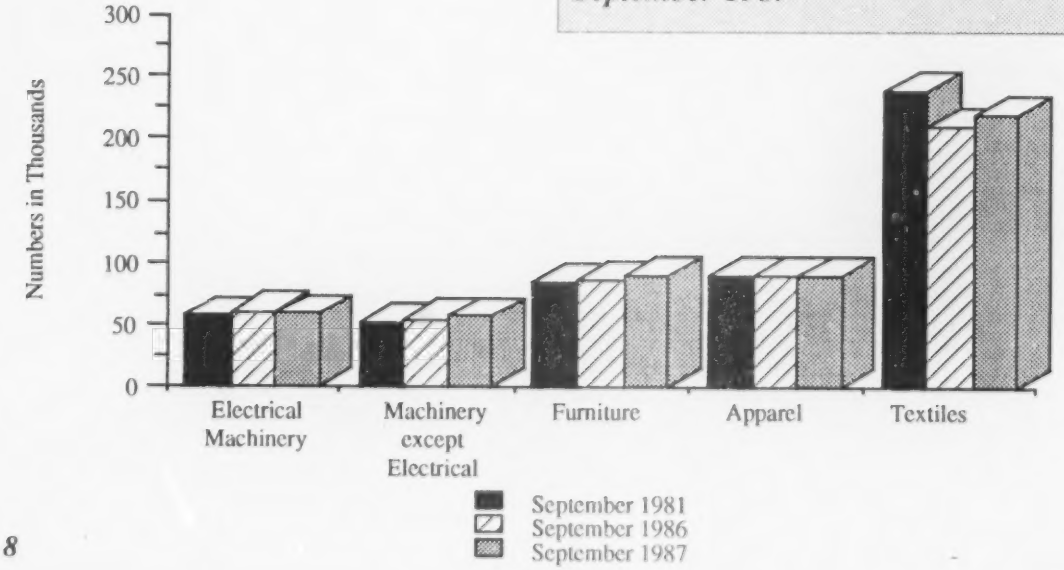

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	Weeks Claimed: % of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,657,545	29,020	1.1	- 2,355	- 7.5
Manufacturing Total	831,493	11,673	1.4	- 1,682	- 12.6
Food Products	47,390	574	1.2	+ 24	+ 4.4
Tobacco	24,719	147	0.6	- 709	- 82.8
Textile Products	214,680	3,110	1.4	- 86	- 2.7
Apparel Products	85,076	2,142	2.5	- 399	- 15.7
Lumber & Wood	38,228	542	1.4	- 10	- 1.8
Furniture & Fixtures	85,009	1,151	1.4	- 199	- 14.7
Paper & Allied	21,815	114	0.5	- 24	- 17.4
Printing & Publishing	27,852	385	1.4	+ 32	+ 9.1
Chemicals & Allied	38,628	258	0.7	- 12	- 4.4
Rubber & Plastics	30,983	376	1.2	- 14	- 3.6
Leather Products	3,605	38	1.1	- 4	- 9.5
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,161	208	1.0	+ 6	+ 3.0
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,158	522	1.4	0	0.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,534	509	0.9	- 53	- 9.4
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,567	862	1.5	- 220	- 20.3
Transportation Equipment	23,462	469	2.0	- 3	- 0.6
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,626	266	1.5	- 11	- 4.0
Construction	155,163	3,047	2.0	+ 11	+ 0.4
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	128,967	977	0.8	+ 27	+ 2.8
Trade	617,141	4,678	0.8	- 378	- 7.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	116,860	770	0.7	+ 30	+ 4.1
Services	413,778	2,544	0.6	- 220	- 8.0
State Government	111,848	680	0.6	+ 7	+ 1.0
Local Government	253,428	1,205	0.5	- 88	- 6.8
Other 3/	xxx	3,446	xxx	- 62	- 1.8

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

September 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	17,052	15,890	1,412	17	1,166
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	362	351	0	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,628	1,607	6	0	37
Sales Occupations	512	413	1	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	143	96	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,349	2,287	4	0	17
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	2,316	1,535	1,351	0	6
Processing Occupations	1,416	1,364	15	2	5
Machine Trade Occupations	1,773	1,747	2	0	36
Benchwork Occupations	2,901	2,859	1	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,512	1,466	11	9	1,005
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	279	245	7	1	19
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	3,142	2,926	30	5	34
Miscellaneous Occupations	66	55	0	0	3

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.
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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

September 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance &	Services	Public Administration	Government
7,610	799	2,350	152	2,829	382	721
34	7	50	4	163	87	137
251	203	462	96	461	109	309
17	13	243	6	131	2	4
0	0	1	2	93	0	12
132	52	1,020	13	987	95	172
34	76	12	11	40	6	20
1,238	1	95	1	8	0	0
1,560	4	56	0	91	2	1
2,551	0	33	0	287	0	2
275	23	36	16	78	39	15
40	60	83	2	31	8	9
1,716	359	306	1	498	28	35
33	2	2	0	9	6	7

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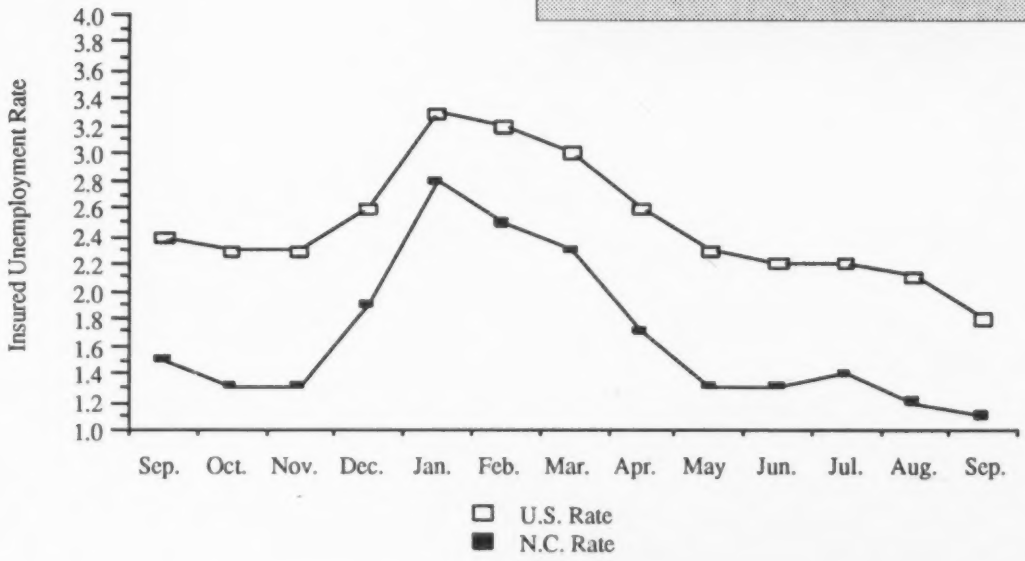

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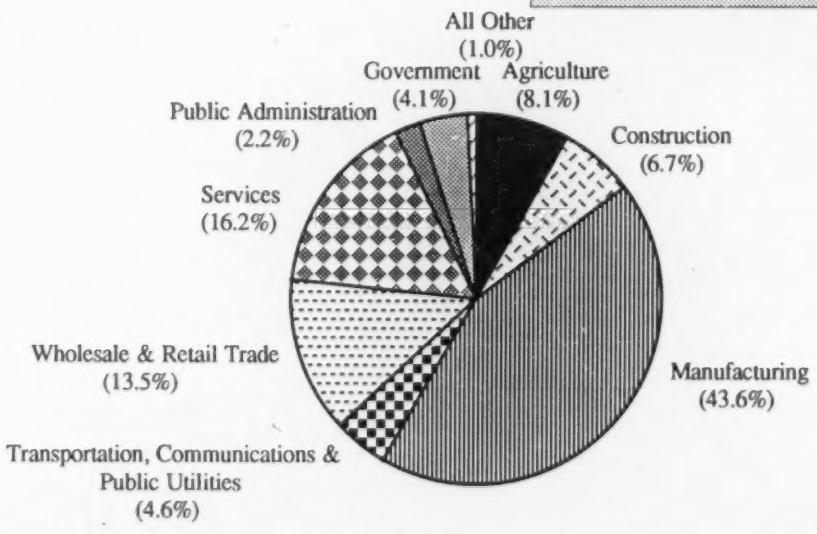

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Table II — *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina*

Figure I — *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina*

Figure II — *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average*

Table III — *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,857.9	2,804.3	2,763.8	+ 1.9	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	860.1	854.1	839.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Durable Goods	347.1	346.3	338.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	37.2	37.4	37.7	- 0.5	- 1.3
Furniture and Fixtures	88.6	87.9	85.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.8	21.8	20.6	0.0	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.5	11.5	11.1	0.0	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.1	27.3	26.5	- 0.7	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.6	57.6	56.2	0.0	+ 2.5
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Other Durable Goods 2/	17.6	17.7	17.2	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	513.0	507.7	500.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Food and Kindred Products	47.9	47.4	47.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.4	25.6	29.3	+ 7.0	- 6.5
Textile Mill Products	221.7	220.6	212.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	91.9	90.8	89.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.2
Paper and Allied Products	22.1	22.0	21.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	28.0	27.8	27.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.6	37.5	37.6	+ 0.3	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.8	31.4	30.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	+ 6.8

* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 Percent.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	1,997.8	1,950.2	1,924.6	+ 2.4	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	169.8	172.2	161.8	- 1.4	+ 4.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	136.7	135.9	135.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	75.9	74.6	74.4	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.6	57.1	56.3	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	637.9	636.3	613.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	146.8	146.7	143.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Retail Trade	491.1	489.6	470.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	128.9	129.2	120.7	- 0.2	+ 6.8
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	482.3	482.5	459.0	**	+ 5.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	27.8	28.8	27.7	- 3.5	+ 0.4
Total Government	437.2	389.3	430.2	+12.3	+ 1.6
Federal	52.3	52.5	51.9	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	124.8	117.7	122.1	+ 6.0	+ 2.2
Local	260.2	219.0	256.1	+18.8	+ 1.6

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1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

September 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$322.70	$322.18	$311.95	40.9	41.2	41.1	$ 7.89	$ 7.82	$ 7.59
DURABLE GOODS	331.30	334.96	326.27	40.6	41.2	41.3	8.16	8.13	7.90
Lumber & Wood Products	271.66	281.36	271.42	39.2	40.6	41.0	6.93	6.93	6.62
Furniture & Fixtures	281.97	283.75	276.80	39.0	39.3	39.6	7.23	7.22	6.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	372.59	371.00	363.72	42.1	42.4	43.3	8.85	8.75	8.40
Primary Metal Industries	399.50	407.53	365.66	42.5	43.4	41.6	9.40	9.39	8.79
Fabricated Metal Industries	370.86	367.88	355.30	42.0	41.9	41.8	8.83	8.78	8.50
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	378.81	386.30	376.23	42.9	43.6	42.9	8.83	8.86	8.77
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	372.11	374.53	367.98	41.3	41.8	42.2	9.01	8.96	8.72
Transportation Equipment	361.97	370.02	365.40	40.9	42.0	42.0	8.85	8.81	8.70
NONDURABLE GOODS	316.52	315.12	303.40	41.0	41.3	41.0	7.72	7.63	7.40
Food & Kindred Products	282.61	277.60	278.11	40.2	39.6	40.6	7.03	7.01	6.85
Tobacco Manufacturers	501.96	506.69	471.42	39.4	34.8	38.8	12.74	14.56	12.15
Textile Mill Products	293.58	296.18	284.18	42.0	42.8	42.1	6.99	6.92	6.75
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	206.46	206.28	202.22	37.2	38.2	38.3	5.55	5.40	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	542.33	505.63	508.48	47.2	45.8	46.1	11.49	11.04	11.03
Printing & Publishing	368.68	361.67	347.41	39.9	39.7	39.3	9.24	9.11	8.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	466.84	451.62	416.90	44.0	43.3	41.4	10.61	10.43	10.07
Plastics & Synthetics	534.53	504.68	462.93	46.2	44.9	42.2	11.57	11.24	10.97
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	406.50	415.38	376.33	42.3	43.0	41.4	9.61	9.66	9.09
MINING	403.56	402.62	365.40	46.6	46.6	45.0	8.66	8.64	8.12
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	532.07	521.20	500.91	42.6	42.1	42.2	12.49	12.38	11.87
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	211.57	212.85	206.97	32.6	33.0	32.8	6.49	6.45	6.31
Wholesale Trade	333.60	333.92	324.37	40.0	39.8	39.8	8.34	8.39	8.15
Retail Trade	178.40	180.02	174.89	30.6	31.2	30.9	5.83	5.77	5.66
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	147.08	145.04	142.58	30.9	30.6	30.4	4.76	4.74	4.69

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

September 1987

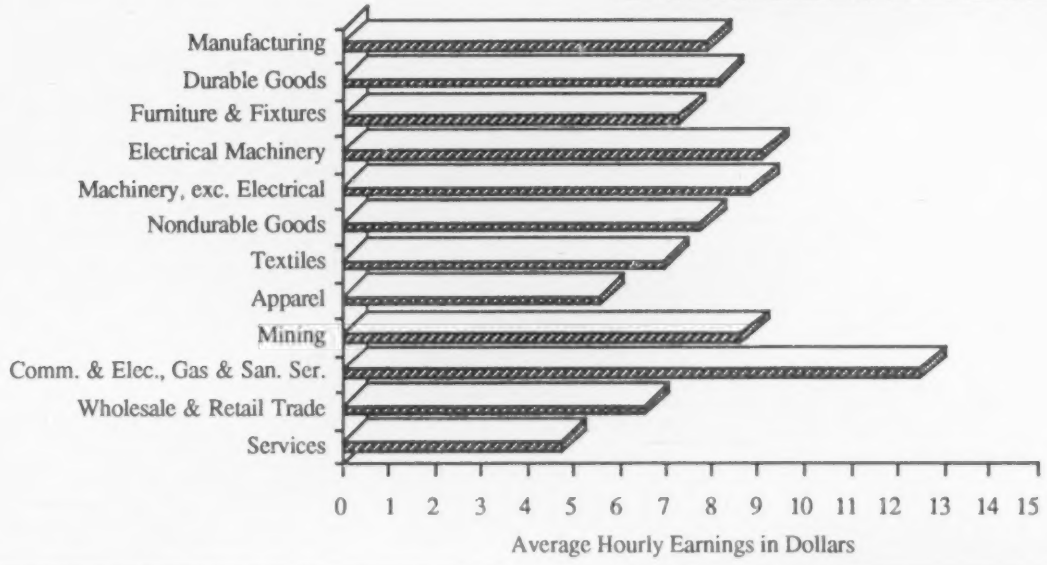

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

September 1987

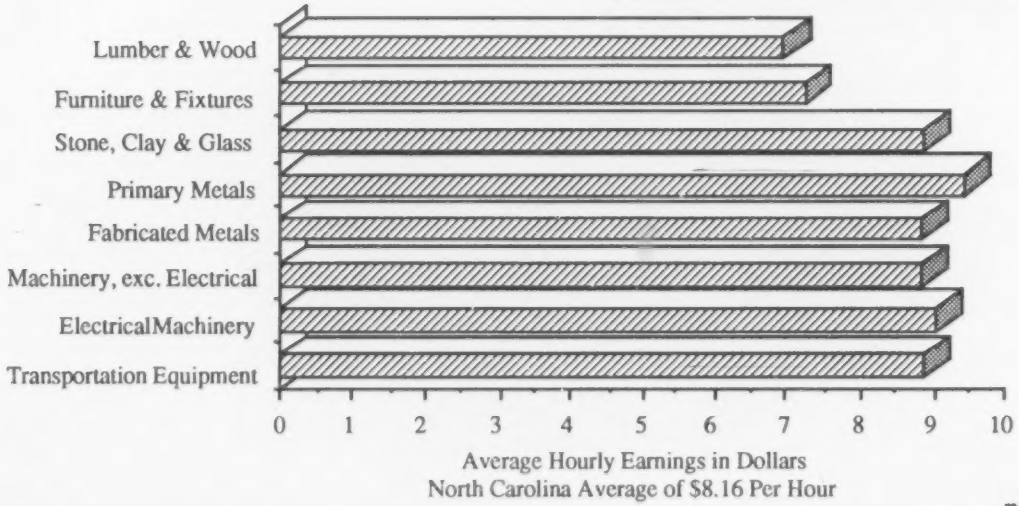

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Manufacturing	681.6	676.0	666.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	260.9	260.5	256.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Lumber and Wood Products	31.7	31.8	32.1	- 0.3	- 1.2
Furniture and Fixtures	77.4	76.9	74.6	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.6	0.0	+ 6.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	19.9	20.5	19.8	- 2.9	+ 0.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.8	28.7	28.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.2	42.9	44.4	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Transportation Equipment	20.8	20.5	19.1	+ 1.5	+ 8.9
Other Durable Goods	13.1	13.2	12.9	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	420.7	415.5	409.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.7
Food and Kindred Products	34.0	33.5	33.8	+ 1.5	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.8	19.8	23.3	+ 10.1	- 6.4
Textile Mill Products	196.1	195.1	187.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.2	79.1	78.7	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.3	0.0	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	17.5	17.3	16.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.4	24.6	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.2	25.8	24.9	+ 1.6	+ 5.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	+ 5.4

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.